

AIR FORCE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM



The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Executive Order 12196, and 29 CFR 1960 require the heads of Federal Agencies to establish programs to protect their personnel from work-related deaths, injuries and illnesses. The Air Force Occupational Safety and Health Program is explained in AFI 91-301

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. The Deputy Assistant Secretary, Environment, Safety, & Occupational Health (SAF/MIQ) is responsible for overall direction of the Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) Program.
2. The director of Ground Safety, Air Force Safety Agency (AFSA/SEG) manages the Air Force occupational safety program.
3. The Chief, Aerospace Medical Consultants Division, Air Force Medical Operation Agency (HQ AFMOA/SGPA) manages the Air Force occupational health program.
4. The Director of Fire Protection, Air Force Civil Engineering Support Agency (AFCEA/DF) manages the occupational fire protection program.

THE AIR FORCE HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Comply with OSHA and AFOSH standards.
2. Set up procedures for submitting and responding to reports of unsafe and unhealthful working conditions.
3. Acquire, maintain and require the use of approved personal protective equipment and safety equipment.
4. Inspect all workplaces at least annually with participation by representatives of civilian employees.
5. Establish procedures to insure that personnel are not subject to restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination or reprisal for exercising their rights under the Air Force occupational safety and health program.
6. Post notices of unsafe or unhealthful working conditions found during inspections.
7. Insure prompt abatement of hazardous conditions. Personnel exposed to such conditions shall be informed of the abatement plan. Corrections shall be made immediately for imminent danger situations.
8. Set up a Management Information System to keep records of occupational mishaps, injuries, illnesses and their causes, and to post an annual summary of injuries and illnesses for a minimum of 30 days at each installation.
9. Conduct occupational safety and health training for all Air Force personnel.

AF PERSONNEL HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

1. Participate in the Air Force occupational safety and health program. Personnel shall be authorized official time to participate in these activities.
2. Have access to OSHA standards, AFOSH standards and applicable safety and health criteria in Air Force directives.
3. Have access to installation occupational injury and illness statistics.
4. Comment on alternate standards proposed by the Air Force or your installation.
5. Report, and request inspections of, unsafe or unhealthful working conditions to the local safety and health officials or to other appropriate officials including the Secretary of Labor. However, the Secretary of Labor encourages the use of Air Force procedures for reporting hazardous conditions as the most expeditious means to achieve abatement. The USAF Hazard Report, AF Form 457, is used for this purpose. Anonymity is assured if requested.

INDIVIDUALS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

1. Comply with safety and health requirements of OSHA standards, AFOSH standards, technical orders and Air Force directives.
2. Comply with Air Force policies and directives relative to the safety and health program.
3. Use personal protective equipment and safety equipment provided by your installation.
4. Report injuries, job-related illnesses, or other mishaps promptly to your supervisor or to the safety or health contact for your installation.

OTHER INFORMATION:

1. Reports of hazards will be investigated promptly and the results will be reported in writing to the individual making the report.
2. For further information on the occupational safety and health program, contact the local officials listed.
3. Failure to carry out your safety and health responsibilities can result in corrective disciplinary or administrative action.

RESPONSIBLE LOCAL OFFICIALS:

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY POINT OF CONTACT IS:

367 RCS/SE
3990 East Bijou St, Colo.Springs CO (719) 554-1258

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY POINT OF CONTACT IS:

21 SPW/SE
Bldg 862, Peterson AFB CO (719) 556-4392

THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY POINT OF CONTACT IS:

21 CES/CEF
Bldg 117, Peterson AFB CO (719) 556-4616